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ROD RUN 2006

The 23rd annual Rod Run to the End of the World will be held in Ocean Park, WA on the Long Beach Peninsula, September 8th,9th and 10th, 2006. This event draws between 1000 and 1500 participants and many thousands of spectators to the Long Beach Peninsula.

The Pacific County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, Long Beach Police Department, Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife, Washington State Liquor Control Board, and the Beach Barons Car Club have joined forces "To provide a safe environment for the citizens of Pacific County and tourists during the Rod Run Weekend."

Law enforcement personnel will be out in full force during the Rod Run event proactively looking for collision causing and alcohol related violations. The most common violations in previous years have been driving under the influence (DUI), minors in possession of alcohol (MIP), failure to use safety restraints, and vehicles exceeding the speed limits. A number of these violations have occurred along the ocean beaches in the past. Drivers are reminded that the beach is a public highway and governed by all state and local laws.

Law enforcement officials want all who attend to have a safe and enjoyable weekend during Rod Run and will work hard to remove unsafe participants. The public is encouraged to assist law enforcement by identifying persons engaging in illegal, disruptive, or unsafe activities. Violators will be prosecuted in accordance with state and local laws.

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